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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, delete the CROSS
REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS in its entirety, and
insert the following Cross-Reference to Related Appli-
cations:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/493,527, filed January 28, 2000, pending, which claims the benefit of provisional application Serial No. 60/117,881, filed January 29, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 2.

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are pending in the application. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1 and 3-45 are at issue in this divisional application.

This preliminary amendment adds no new matter. The specification has been amended to insert a cross-reference to a related application.

It is submitted that the claims are in proper form and scope for allowance. Early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, the examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

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